

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Bryan Davidson on 9/16/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS

The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: Addition of figure labels to each of the drawings shown at drawing sheets 1 and 2, e.g., "FIG. 1" and "FIG. 2". In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

The following insertion (set off by -- . . . --) was made at page 2 between lines 6 and 7:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIGURE 1 is a schematic illustration of an embodiment wherein contaminated groundwater is contacted more than once with the biologically active layer with the aid of a gas; and

FIGURE 2 is a schematic illustration of an embodiment of a denitrification process which includes pumping up nitrate-bearing groundwater by pipes through which nitrification phase air was injected and adding an electron acceptor to the nitrate-

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bearing water above ground, whereupon the nitrate-bearing water is pumped onto the biologically active layer to cause conversion of nitrate to N_2 . –

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